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1. The planned transfer of personnel from the paramilitary police units in Berlin to the "Ring around Berlin" has had to be canceled.

2. Police President Paul Markgraf was summoned to the Central Komendatura on 12 August and returned with instructions to cancel the planned shift. Of 200 men who had been selected, all of whom had the qualifications of non-commissioned officers, only 42 were to be trained and made available for the "Ring around Berlin" by 26 August. [redacted] Markgraf had no knowledge of the change in plans until his visit to the Komendatura. 50X1-HUM

3. In a speech at Treptow, Markgraf denounced rumor-mongers, but made no comment on the rumors themselves. He stated that the men not assigned to the "Ring around Berlin" would be sent to police precinct stations in the eastern sector of Berlin.

4. Erich Mielke, the former vice-president of the Administration of the Interior, is slated to become head of K-5 (political police). This may entail a basic reorganization of K-5 as a separate department of the GAI independent of Hauptabteilung K.

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